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SUBJ: EGYPT EXPECTS STRONG EC MIDDLE EAST STATEMENT

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1. JUNE 27 AHRAM FRONTPAGED AFP ITEM QUOTING "WELL INFORMED BRITISH SOURCES/ TO EFFECT THAT EC WILL ISSUE NEW STATEMENT ON MIDDLE EAST, WITH EMPHASIS ON PALESTINIANS, AFTER EC MEETINGS IN LONDON JULY 1 AND 2. ACCORDING TO AFP, STATEMENT WILL "GO FARTHER"THAN FORMER PAST EC STATEMENT OF 1973 AND WILL CONCENTRATE ON RIGHT OF PALESTINIANS "TO NATIONAL IDENTITY AND HOMELAND".

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2. PRESS ALSO FEATURED EXCERPTS OF FRENCH FONMIN GUIRINGAUD STATEMENTS IN FAVOR OF PALESTINIAN HOMELAND TO MIDDLE EAST MAGAZINE. ITEM NOTED PRINCIPALLY GUIRINGUAD "CALL" FOR "COMPLETION" OF RES 242 TO INCLUDE PROVISION FOR PALESTINIAN HOMELAND. IT ALSO CITED HIS DEFINITION OF ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, PALESTINIAN HOMELAND AND FRENCH

READINESS TO PARTICIPATE IN GUARANTEES OF ISRAELI/ARAB SECURITY AS BASIS FRENCH POLICY.

3. COMMENT: EGYPTIANS HAVE FOR SOME TIME BEEN PUSHING HARD FOR STRONG SUPPORTIVE STATEMENT FROM EC. GURAINGUAD REMARKS WILL BOST SPECULATION THAT EGYPTIAN DIPLOMATIC CAMPAIGN BEARING FRUIT. IT WILL ALSO COMFORT THOSE EGYPTIANS WHO HAD BEGUN TO FEAR THAT FRENCH WERE BACKSLIDING. EGYPTIANS NOT LIKELY TO LET UP IN EFFORTS WITH EUROPEANS, IN ANY EVENT, UNTIL BEST POSSIBLE PUBLIC STATEMENT OBTAINED IN EFFORT TO COMPLETE ISRAELI DIPLOMATIC ISOLATION.

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